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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIKUCHI ET AL.

Examiner

Nhon T Diep

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. With regard to the applicants' argument that claims to be restricted must be exclusive and there is no serious burden on the examiner, the examiner respectfully disagrees. As is indicated in specification, page 17, the coding apparatus of the second embodiment differs from that of the first embodiment in that it does not include the system multiplexer in the first embodiment and that RTP packets 161, 111, and 166 are also output separately. Same thing can be argued for the third embodiment as is indicated in pages 21-22, fourth embodiment, page 27, fifth embodiment, page 32, sixth embodiment, page 34 and seventh embodiment, page 35. Since the specification itself, clearly indicates many different features from one embodiment to another embodiment and because they are mutually exclusive and also since the present set of claims covers seven different embodiments, this poses a serious burden for the examiner. It is the examiner's conclusion that the election requirement is reasonable and is made final. As a direct result, claims 1-2 will be examined and claims 3-47 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koz (US 5,990,955).

Koz discloses a dual encoding/compression method and system for picture quality/data density enhancement comprising the same moving image coding apparatus comprising: coding means for dividing an input moving image signal into a plurality of frame image signals (col. 4, ln. 34-49), dividing each of the frame image signals into one or more area image signals (macro-blocks), and compression coding the area image signal into an area image code string (col. 4, ln. 34-49, 50-57, col. 5, ln. 24-32), and adding a frame header information indicating a coding mode of the frame to the area image code string (col. 6, ln. 33-47, coding mode=frame specific information, such as I, P, or B and col. 7, ln. 9-18); and packetization means for collecting one or more area image code strings to which the frame header information is added, and adding packet header information (col. 6, ln. 33-47) as specified in claim 1; and wherein the packetization means includes a multiplexer comprising a plurality of access unit generators (audio and video for separating the code strings into predetermined units and generating access units-and a sync layer packet generator for receiving the access units from the access unit generators and generating a sync layer packet (col. 6, ln. 56-62) as specified in claim 2.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Lee (US 5,995,707_ discloses a speed change reproduction recording apparatus for VCR of digital HDTV and method thereof.
- b. Saha et al (US 6,404,817) discloses MPEG video recorder having robust error detection and concealment.
- c. Miyazawa (US 6,542,518) discloses a transport stream generating device and method, and program transmission device.
- d. Schultz et al (US 6,229,951) discloses a digital video picture and ancillary data processing and storage.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T Diep whose telephone number is 703-305-4648. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S Kelley can be reached on 703 305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703 87209314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 305-2600.

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